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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Houghton et al.

Serial No.: 08/441,355

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 2, 1999. This extension will extend the time the response is due from May 2, 1999 to August 2, 1999.

- A three month(s) extension is requested; the extension fee is \$870.00.
- A check in the amount of \$870.00 is attached.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to

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<u>Deposit Account No. 03-1952</u> referencing docket no. <u>223002006313</u>. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 2, 1999

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